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SUBJ: SOVIET BASC PROTEST OVER US MAY DAY FLIGHTS

REF: (A) BERLIN 759; (B) BERLIN 744

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JOINT STATE - DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. SINCE THE MAY 1 FLIGHTS DID NOT TECHNICALLY VIOLATE AGREED QUADRIpartite FLIGHT RULES WHILE AIRBORNE, WE CONCUR IN THE DRAFT USBER REPLY IN PARA 5, REFTel A. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS ARISE:

A) INABILITY OF THE US ELEMENT AT BASC TO GIVE AN ACCURATE RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT THE SECOND US FLIGHT (PARA 4, REFTel A) INDICATES THE NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BARTCC AND BASC;

B) THE SENSITIVE FACTORS INVOLVED IN FLYING OVER OR NEAR OUTDOOR PUBLIC EVENTS IN EAST BERLIN.

2. WE WANT TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE HARASSING PUBLIC GATHERINGS IN EAST BERLIN AS A MATTER OF DELIBERATE POLICY; THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT BERLIN MIGHT WISH TO RE- EXAMINE RULES GOVERNING AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND FLIGHT TRAINING OPERATIONS OF THE TYPES

CITED IN PARAS 1 AND 2, REFTel A, WITH A VIEW TOWARDS ACHIEVING BASIC OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES WITHOUT BEING UNNECESSARILY IRRITATING. ROGERS

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